

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached Replacement Sheet includes a change to Figure 2, which is shown in the attached Annotated Sheet. The attached Replacement Sheet replaces the Replacement Sheet including Figure 2, which was filed on September 20, 2006.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Change

REMARKS

Applicants filed a Submission of Drawings on September 20, 2006, in which Figure 2 was amended by changing the caption for the y-axis on the left side of the figure to read:

Absorbance
Intensity of original
near-infrared spectrum

A Replacement Sheet including this change to Figure 2 was filed on September 20, 2006.

However, upon further review of the application, Applicants determined that the correct caption for the y-axis on the left side of Figure 2 is the following caption:

Absorbance
Range of 2nd derivative of
near-infrared spectrum

To address this formal matter in the drawings, Applicants propose to amend Figure 2 to include the correct caption for the y-axis on the left side of this figure as shown in the attached Replacement Sheet. Support for the amendment to Figure 2 can be found, for example, at page 25, last paragraph, of the specification.

Accordingly, no new matter is added to the application by the amendment to Figure

2. **The attached Replacement Sheet replaces the Replacement Sheet including Figure 2 filed on September 20, 2006.** Because the amendment to Figure 2 embodies merely the correction of a formal matter in the drawings (without changing the scope of the claims), Applicants respectfully request that the amendment to Figure 2 be entered by the Examiner in accordance with the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 714.16.

If there are any questions concerning this Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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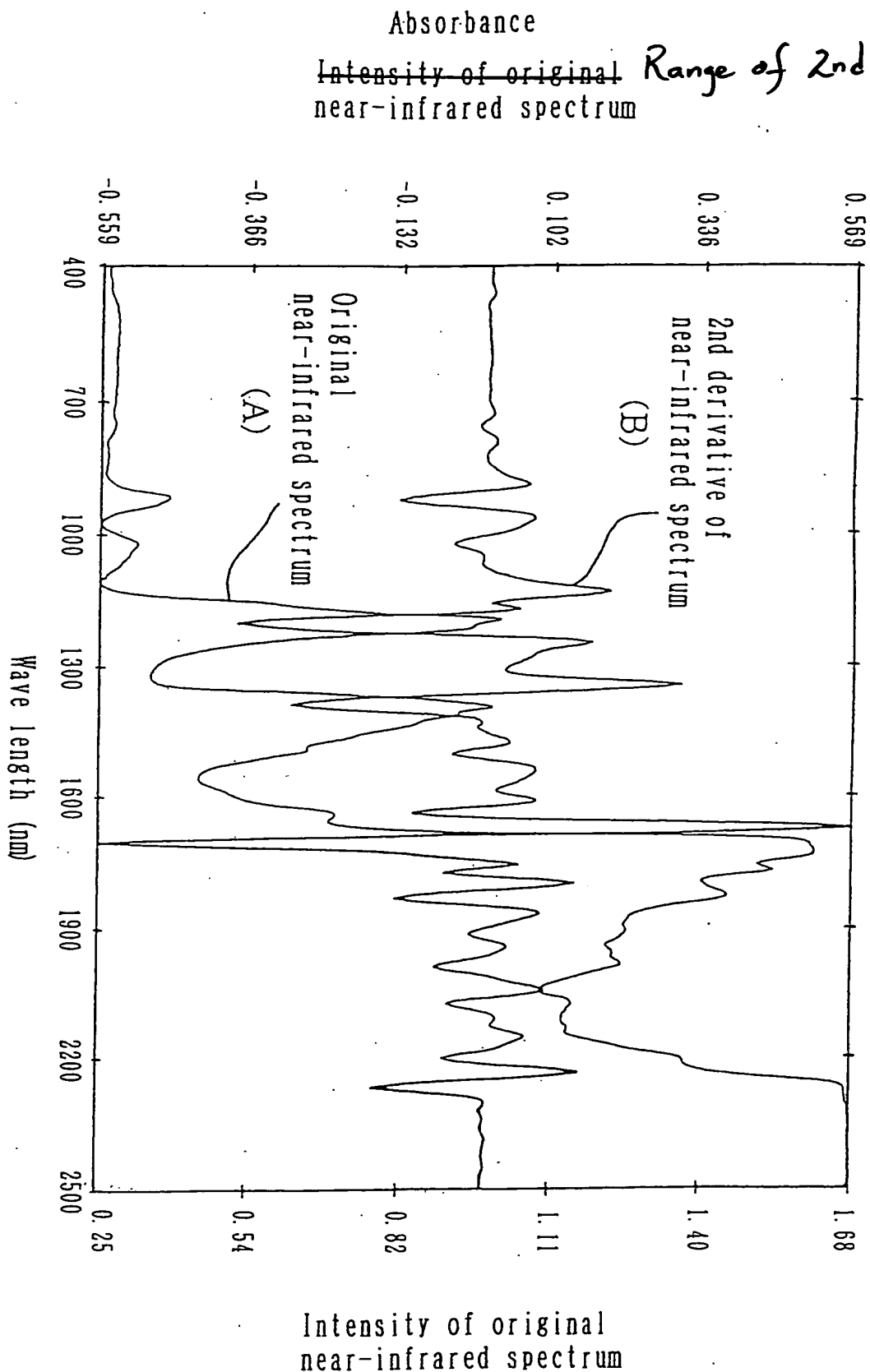


Fig. 2